

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 2 February 2021  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Eric Stange, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from January 2021 meeting and approved with edits.
4. Communications Received:
  - a. Received message from Jason Kahan regarding revised drawings and renderings.
  - b. Sign off request for 882-892 Massachusetts Avenue. This property is not listed on the Inventory. A sign off was sent to the Building Department.
5. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Schaefer)- No report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- No report.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- No report.
  - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- No report.
  - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) -No report.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
  - e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
  - f. 29 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Stange- Nothing to report.
  - g. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Nothing to report.
  - h. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Gervais/Schaefer-Nothing to report.
  - i. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20- Nothing to report.
  - j. 51 Grove Street 11/20 Gervais- Nothing to report.
7. Discussions and Hearings:

7:50pm- Formal Hearing 43 Bailey Road with owner, Meghan Shadrick and contractor, Michael Shay.

Plan is for an addition (two foot bump out) on the northeast side of the house and a six-foot extension to the back of the house to expand the kitchen. Materials used will be field-stone wrapped footings to match foundation, stucco veneer and wood cladding to match the existing house and copper seam metal roof. The new Pella architectural series windows with simulated divided light are aluminum clad with wood interior. There are also plans to build a new garage. There was discussion regarding the compatibility of the windows on the house and the addition.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve the addition to the side of the house as presented and to have the style of the windows adhere to the current windows on the house. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor: JoAnn Robinson

8:00pm- 46 Temple Street Continued Formal Hearing with the owners, Shahla Abdollahi and Mehran Roodsaz. Plans to preserve the Colonial character of the house.

Overview of Proposed Plans:

- Keep, repair and paint the current siding and all decorative elements (the arch above the front door, the pediment above the roof line and the pilasters on the front façade).
- Remove decorative shutters
- Replace windows and their moldings with Pella Lifestyle Series double-hung with aluminum clad exterior for front façade and sides- 6 over 6 grilles between the glass. Pella Lifestyle Series windows for the front basement windows size to match existing (20"x33"). Trim and molding: 1x4 Azek board for the flat part and the same exact decorative band trim.
- Repoint the left and right side bricks.
- Replace the front door with 36" Colonial style similar to the existing door with two sidelights. The new door would be larger than the existing, sidelights will have five glass panels each instead of ten. Brand is Therma-tru Fiberglass door Fiber-Classic Mahogany Collection.
- Replace sunroom windows with the same size Pella glider picture windows and add same original style molding as windows
- Repair and paint the railing on balcony above the sunroom
- On the left side replace windows with Pella double hung windows on the second floor and attic, remove stairs, and close first floor windows and side door by using bricks available from the walls of the fireplace.
- Replace garage door with new Colonial style door.
- Repoint chimney.

Discussion following the presentation focused on the front door and sidelights and windows on the front of the house. The proposed fiberglass door does not capture the historical character of the house. The owners could consider having the front door repaired, restored or have a custom door built, retain the bulls eye windows,

and the sidelights on each side of the door preserved, all are very important features of the front of the house.

The Commission prefers to have the muntins on the exterior of the windows on the front of house, because dimensionality is entirely lost with using the interior grids. Restoration of the front windows was also discussed.

Commissioner Gervais made a motion to accept the plans as presented with regards to all renovations to the sides of the house. The seven windows on the front façade will be replaced with 6 over 6 panes with muntins on the outside. Before the new windows are purchased the monitors will need to approve the profile. The monitors will work with the owners on the plans for the front door. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Monitors: Commissioner Gervais and Commissioner Schaefer

8:30pm- 11-13 Lowell Street Continued Formal Hearing with Presenter Jason Kahan.

This former store built in 1816 and then later converted to two-family house is included in the National Register as well as the Historical Commission's Inventory. Renderings and drawings were shared.

The plan is that the original structure will be preserved and the Commission will comment and lend guidance on the plans for the renovation and changes to the additions at the rear of the house.

Suggestions from the Commission:

- Remove the dormer with the octagonal window.
- Talk to a historic architect.
- Change the roof so that it is a pitched roof.
- A visual of the roof from the top was viewed.
- The roof is problematic.
- The back could become an ell that replicates the original house but perpendicular to the house.

Have concerns about the addition of the third floor. It was suggested that this be removed. Simplify the roofline.

Request was made to provide a list of what parts of the house were built and when?

Suggestions were well received and Mr. Kahan will take these to the owners and submit new drawings and renderings to the Commission in the near future.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:40pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be March 2, 2021 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.